GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3358
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ONGOING RAIL LINE PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of status of ongoing railway projects and surveys for laying new rail lines and flyovers in Tamil Nadu, project-wise;

(b) whether any target set for completion of each of these projects and surveys;

(c) if so, the funds allocated and utilised by these projects so far; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for timely completion of these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3358 BY SHRI J.M. AARON RASHID TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.08.2004 REGARDING ONGOING RAIL LINE PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

(a) to (d): In Tamil Nadu Karur-Salem and Bangalore-Satyamangalam new line projects are in progress. On Karur-Salem new line project, earthwork, bridge works and other activities are in various stages of progress. There have been litigations regarding land acquisition and the same are being attended to. An expenditure of Rs. 64.69 crore has so far been made on this project upto 31.3.2004. An outlay of Rs. 5 crore has been provided during 2004-05. The work will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources. Efforts are being made to augment additional resources to expedite completion of the ongoing project.

On Bangalore-Satyamangalam new line project, Final Location Survey is in progress. Survey work was slowed down due to hostile situation in the forest area. An expenditure of Rs. 0.27 crore has so far been made on this project upto 31.3.2004. An outlay of Rs. 0.10 crore has been provided during 2004-05. The work will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

Details of on-going surveys for new lines is as under:-

SURVEY	Length (in km.)	Target Date for completion
New Broad Gauge (BG) line for Madurai-Kottayam	232	December,2004
New BG line for Erumeli-Punalur-Trivandrum (Updating survey)	136	March, 2005
New BG line from Thanjavur to Chennai Egmore via Ariyalur	320	December,2004
New BG line between Tindivanam-Cuddalore via Pondicherry	71	September, 2004

Besides above, surveys for construction of new line from Tindivanam to Nagari via Vandivash, Cheyyur, Arani, Arcot,Ranipet,Walajahpet, Sholinghur, RK. Pet, Podatur and Pallipattu (165 Km) and Chennai to Sriperumbudur via Poonamalli (42 Km) and updating survey for Jolarpettai-Hossur via Krishnagiri with a connectivity from Krishnagiri to Dharmapuri(159.20 Km) have also been included in the Budget 2004-05. Necessary instructions have also been issued for timely completion of these surveys.

As regards flyover under construction in the State of Tamil Nadu, information is given in the Appendix attached. Railways undertake construction of their portion of the flyover i.e. bridge proper over the tracks and approaches are constructed by the State Government concerned, hence target for completion depends on the completion of approaches by State Government. However, all out efforts are being made by the Railways to complete the works simultaneously with the work of approaches. During the year, an amount of Rs.

28.52 crore has been allocated to the Railways serving Tamil Nadu for taking up these works. Rs.14.35 crore were utilized on these works during last year.